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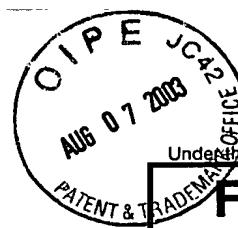
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1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	-20**=	Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
			X		
Independent Claims	-3**=		X		
Multiple Dependent			X		

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
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8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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Applicant(s): Matsuura et al.

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,
RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM

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Information Disclosure Statement
U.S. App. No. 09/863,120

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 CFR § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all patents, publications, applications and other information known by Applicants or Applicants' representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicants' representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98 and includes Form PTO-1449 with three (3) references listed as items AA-AC.

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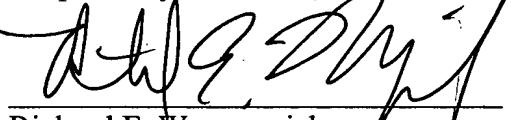
Concise Explanation of Relevance

A concise explanation of the relevance of items AA and AB are in the form of a copy of a "European Search Report" mailed July 1, 2003, issued over the corresponding European Patent Application, that was mailed from a foreign patent office and issued in a counterpart foreign application, which refers to the references. The "European Search Report" mailed July 1, 2003, which is in the English language, is listed as item AC and a copy is included herewith.

It is requested that the information provided herein be made of record in this application.

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